

of friendship for said Baca, would like to suppress said affidavit and that if she, this affiant, would deliver it to him he would pay to her the sum of one hundred (100) dollars for it, in order to protect said Baca's interests. That this affiant then informed said Fox that her said husband had obtained said affidavit for his own uses and not for political purposes. That the same had not been shown to any candidates or political organizations in coming election nor published in any way and certainly would not be shown or published, in any way, until after her said husband's return to Silver City. That he, Fox, could satisfy himself that no use (political) had been made of said affidavit, by going to some of the officials of both parties candidates in the coming election now in office, and mentioned A. B. Laird, sheriff, and Ed. Young, probate clerk, among others. That said Fox during said conversation with affiant, frequently reiterated the statement that he wished rather to help than injure Mr. Baca, as Mr. Baca had acted as a friend to him, said Fox, in releasing him after arresting him—even for pay—and that he wanted to help Baca. This affiant further says that, to the best of her knowledge and belief, no candidate in coming election had any knowledge whatever of the existence, even, of said affidavit until the night of October 15th 1894. Further affiant says not.

(Signed) LIZZIE S. POTTER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of October, 1894.

(Signed), JAMES CORBIN,
(Seal.) Notary Public.

The above affidavit was made by Mrs. Potter who sent for Judge Corbin to come to her house and take her statement while she was confined in bed and in a serious condition.

That Lafayette Fox was extremely anxious to secure the affidavit which he had made at Central last month, as stated in the affidavit, was known even before Mrs. Potter made the affidavit, for Fox stated to some of the business men of this place that he would give \$100 to get the affidavit, but we have been unable to learn whether Fox wanted to get the affidavit to prevent its use in court as well as in the election or not. Nevertheless the fact remains that the soldier offered \$100 to get the affidavit and a good many people are wondering where a soldier could get \$100 for such a purpose.

The Enterprise stated that Fox was drunk when he made the affidavit and it is also charged that he did not understand what he was swearing to when he signed the affidavit in Judge Givens' office. The following statement from Judge Givens will set at rest all doubt as to that part of the matter.

In reply to the editorial slur in the Enterprise of October 19th 1894, I desire to make the following statement: I have been a notary public and a justice of the peace almost continuously since 1880. During this time I have sworn hundreds and perhaps thousands of men to all forms and classes of affidavits. In discharging a public duty I have always been, and am yet, careful as to a person's mental qualifications when swearing

them to affidavits. Inasmuch as the article referred to in the Enterprise seems to turn from the candidates to personalities and a direct effort on the part of the editorial to direct the attention of voters that Lafayette Fox, the man who made the affidavit referred to in the Enterprise, was drunk at the time he signed the affidavit which was sworn to before me, and endeavors to convey the impression that the affidavit in question was not read or explained to him, I desire to state that Fox, in company with Dell Potter, came to my office about noon of the day the affidavit was signed. Potter, Fox and myself went into my office, we all took seats and talked particularly about the affair which took place at Ernest's about a year before.

This conversation lasted for half and perhaps three-quarters of an hour. Then Potter, referring to the matter of his visit with Fox, stated that he had an affidavit that Mr. Fox wished to sign and proceeded to read the affidavit in my presence which was read over twice to Fox by Potter. I then took the affidavit and looked it over, asked Fox if he understood its contents and his reply was that he did and that it was the truth. I then asked him if he wanted to sign that affidavit. He says: "Yes, I can sign that affidavit. It is the truth." He thereupon signed the affidavit and I swore him to its contents. Fox and Potter were far from being drunken men. In making this statement I am not fighting Mr. Shannon's or Mr. Baca's battles. I desire the facts and those alone to go to the public. Newspapers should be careful as to what they say in attacking public officers and state the facts and not misrepresentations.

Very respectfully,

(Signed,) J. CROCKET GIVENS.
Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for Grant Co.

Next Saturday will be the last day for registration for the coming election. See that you are registered.

Louis Serna has a lease on the old McGregor mine at Georgetown and has six men at work taking out concentrating ore.

The democratic candidates have been out for a week in the western part of the county talking politics with the voters out there.

The meeting of the normal school literary society, which was to have taken place next Saturday evening, has been postponed for a week.

Joe Schlosser, Charles Dennis and son have taken a lease on the Consolidated Mimbres company's property at Georgetown and are taking out good ore.

Laizure & Grabe have commenced taking down the kiln of bricks recently burned for use in the normal school building. It will probably be about a month before the brickwork of the building will be completed.

There was a general rain in this part of the county last Friday. While it will not do grass any good it will enable cattle to get out from the water courses for a few days into good feed in the mountains.

A SOLID LINE OF BATTLE.

Deming Democrats Are in Battle Array.

The New Populist Paper Opposes the Democratic Candidates Just As Was Expected.

DEMING, New Mexico, Oct. 23.—Politics continues to be the all absorbing topic of conversation, and party lines are being drawn closer every day. The populists, realizing their fast failing fortunes, are about to issue a paper for general distribution throughout the county in the hope of once more attracting public attention to their movement. Some of the advance sheets have been circulated about Deming, and the sole purpose of the publication would seem to be to attack the democratic candidates, showing plainly the intention of the leaders of the so-called movement to vent their spleen against the democratic party for the purpose of obtaining revenge because they were unable to dictate the policy of that party. The publication of the paper is the best thing that could have happened for the democratic party, as it exposes without doubt that the leaders of the new movement have no belief in third party principles, but have taken this method of endeavoring to down the democratic party, and that that is their sole aim and purpose. The items are almost exclusively tirades against democratic candidates, and with few exceptions republicans are not even mentioned.

The populists are arranging for a mass meeting the latter part of this week, upon which occasion John J. Bell and other candidates are expected to be present, among them T. B. Mills, the candidate for delegate to congress.

The democrats feel no doubt of the result throughout the county, if the other precincts do their duty as well as Deming will. The vote here will be the largest ever polled and the democratic majorities will be increased in proportion. Reports from Cook's Peak, Hadley, Lordsburg, and other places are correspondingly encouraging.

Judge Boone has just returned from a trip through the eastern part of the county and finds everything most favorable to his election. While away he addressed several large meetings and met with a most encouraging reception.

The dastardly attack in last Friday's Enterprise against some of the democratic nominees has proved a veritable boomerang, and has gained votes for the democratic party, prominent republicans declaring themselves strongly opposed to such methods and condemning the article in unmeasured terms. The Enter-